

**REPORT ON THE WORK OF MSSA
(for the period December 2020-December 2021)**

January-March 2021 ‡ 8 online trainings were realized from the project financed by the Municipality of Karpos entitled: "Strengthening the capacities of professionals for the problems and needs of children with autism spectrum disorders, in preschool and school institutions." Project participants: prof. Dr. Vladimir Ilievski, Stojan Andonov, Aleksandra Karagirova and prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski.

March-April 2021 - MSSA realized 4 trainings-webinars within the project: "We do not leave parents alone" - financially supported by Komercijalna Banka AD Skopje. A total of 84 parents participated in the realization of the 6 program modules, i.e. the 4 webinars. The treatments of children with ASD were performed in two private centers for stimulation and development, in "Gaspar" from Skopje and "Stars" from Veles in the period March-April 2021. In the period from January to April 2021 prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski made diagnostic consultative and advisory examinations of 25 children with ASD through the online program Skype. In the period from January to April 2021, Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska M.A. and Vesna Filipovska, developed open educational resources (OER) and materials to support children and people with autism, which are attached to the MSSA website.

April 2021 - Internet campaign held on the occasion of April 2, World Autism Awareness Day. The lecturers were from prestigious universities in the United States, Great Britain, Sweden and the Netherlands.

April 8, 2021 - "Autism puzzle solution" organized by the Gaspar Center. Lecturers and discussants were members of the MSSA.

April-June 2021 - 6 world autism specialists were guests at webinars organized by the MSSA.

May 2021 - Internet campaign on the occasion of the 21st anniversary of the MSSA

June 2021 - online trainings for "Individual targeted planning at people with ASD", held 6 modules.

25.08.2021 - MSSA organizer of the international online final conference: "People with autism in the center of attention and support through individual targeted planning" at which lecturers were: Ivana Vasilevska Petrovska M.A., Vesna Filipovska, Aleksandra Karagirova, prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski, representatives of the Ministry of Education and Science, MLSP and foreign lecturers. The conference had over 320 guests. The Croatian Chamber of Educational Rehabilitators supported our conference.

16.09.2021 - The 7th webinar with prof. Dr. Mohamed Gaziuddin from Ann Arbor University in the USA.

28-30.09.2021 - first online meeting of the LEBEL project with partners from Turkey, Italy, Belgium and MSSA members

October 2021 - published chapter on ASD in a book from India by prof. Dr. Vladimir Trajkovski

11.10.2021 ZOOM - meeting with the members of the project "Autism friendly places".

03.12.2021 - On the occasion of the International Day of People with Disabilities, December 3, (Vesna Filipovska) was part of the solemn event for signing a Memorandum of Cooperation between the Ombudsman and the MSSA.

From December 2021 to December 2021, 3 papers were published in renowned journals:

1. Vasilevska Petrovska I, Giannakopoulou AC, Tsecoura V, Winstanley A, Miletto R, Roşca GC, Ivanova B, Kaisa V. and **Trajkovski V**. Parental perspectives on support needs and availability of autism services in South and South-Eastern Europe. *Advances in Autism* 2021; Vol. ahead-of-print No. ahead-of-print. <https://doi.org/10.1108/AIA-11-2021-0066>.
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3. Koceski A, **Trajkovski V**. Functional Status of People with Autism Spectrum Disorder. *Journal for ReAttach Therapy and Developmental Diversities*. 2021 Oct 25; 4(1): 17–27. <https://doi.org/10.26407/2021jrtd.1.44..>

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